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PRIVATISATION OF MONITORING STATIONS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to privatise the monitoring stations of the Central Pollution Control Board which are engaged in assessing air pollution round the clock;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether other such stations are proposed to be set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Keeping in view the constraints in the management of air quality monitoring network due to non-availability of technical and skilled manpower under present conditions, time consuming procurement procedures, purchase of spare parts from the manufacturers etc. and also to ensure good working conditions of the system, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has proposed operations of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) through public-private partnership by adoption of models such as "Operation Contract" and "Build Own & Operate(BOO) Contract".

(c)&(d) Initially, both the models are envisaged to be executed with each identified city having a pilot network of three CAAQM Stations. The Operation Contract model is envisaged to be executed in cities of Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore and Chennai and the BOO model in another four cities.